

they put a fling centipede (wu-kung) in a box for the traveller's pillow, and in the night when an evil odour announces the approach of the Gelling Snake, they open the box, the centipede bounces out and kills the Snake with one bite. This snake grows to a weight of several thousand catties, and its fat makes a lamp-oil which when burning defies the wind to blow it out. (5) The human-faced snake, of Burma and Coochin-China; the female has a face like a pretty girl, with two feet growing under the neck, each with five human-looking fingers. Cut it in half, and it turns into a pretty girl complete. The male is green in colour, with a long beard; it will envelop and kill a tiger, but retreats from a fox, which will attack and eat it. (6) The "Jan," or boa, of Kiangchow (Hainan Island), and Kwangsi; grows several *chang* long; it follows women, and the snake-catchers stick their hair full of flowers, and call out "Hung Niang-tz," Hung Niang-tz! (a pet name for a young lady); they throw some woman's clothes over it, and it then lies still, and they chop off its head, and run away. The snake leaps about, and tears up young trees in its dying struggles before it succumbs to death.

CALITHUMPIAN'S DRESSING-GOWN.

THE BEAUTIFUL GARMENT WHICH ELFEIDA MADE WITH HER OWN FAIR HANDS.

"Elfeida, something seems to tell me you made this yourself."

"I did, Calithumpian. I made it with my own hands as a present for you. It's a dressing-gown."

Mr. Magruder held the present at arm's length and contemplated it with silent awe. In the six months of his previous career as a devoted young husband he had never been so deeply moved.

"When I gaze at the unearthly gorgeousness of the gown, Elfeida," he said, at length, "and the conviction slowly but irresistibly forces its way into my mind that it is intended for me to wear, can you wonder that I hesitate—that I ask myself what I have done to deserve it? Elfeida," he exclaimed in a husky whisper, as he closed the window blinds. "I think I will try it on. Be calm, my darling."

"I am glad you like it, Calithumpian. You have been so good, so thoughtful, so—"

"Heaven knows I have to be, Elfeida!" said the agitated young husband, wiping his fevered brow impulsively. "Which is the upper frontier of this—this magnificent garment?"

"Here it is, Calithumpian. But before you put it on, dear, just look at this design on the right shoulder. Isn't it nicely worked?"

"Elfeida, it is absolutely paralyzing!"

"You know what it is, of course?"

"—I think I do. It's the hanging of old John Brown."

"Oh, Calithumpian!" wailed the wife, "I meant it for the translation of the prophet Elijah!"

"It will do for either one, Elfeida," gasped the husband, as he struggled frenziedly with the gown. "I'll wear anything that was made with your own fair hands, my darling," he continued, as he got it on wrong side out and blind-side before. "It was meant to be Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and looked like a three-cent circus and menagerie in a tornado. Don't cry, Elfeida! I'll wear it now if it costs me every friend I have in the world. I'd wear it if John Brown himself should ask me as a personal favor to take it off! Such love as mine will stand anything. Marriage is not a failure! There! There!"

But we have no business lingering about here. Let us withdraw from the scene.—Chicago Tribune.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Morning walking gowns are severely simple, made in wool of a single color, without ornament or embroidery, and fashioned in a plain, flat-fronted skirt, high, close corsage and plain coat sleeves.

If heavy cannot afford pearls, she may content herself with one of the new pearl-fished silver head necklaces, that are almost as becoming as the white spheres, and to be had at one-hundredth the price.

In all the bewilderment of cloak stuffs, cloth promises to be far and away the favorite this winter and deservedly for the new textures in Persian and Byzantine effects are softly and simply exquisite.

The bustle has died, but now lives again, though in meek, lowly fashion compared to its former amplitude. New Paris gowns come with tiny cushions at the back and one or more short steels just below the belt.

Cloth jackets differ from those of last year mainly in being longer and even all round. Many have loose fronts falling over an embroidered vest, and in all the sleeve is wide enough to slip off and on with ease, wherein it is a great improvement upon those of former seasons.

The Empire gown gains more and more a foothold, and is like to be largely worn for house and evening toilette this winter, but only the more daring will appear in it on the street, though its sign manual, the sash, is worn indiscriminately with baroque or blouse or redingote.

The new black striped woollens are stylishly made up into redingote gowns with the wide turned-down collar, cuffs, pocket flaps and so on, faced with green or fawn or mahogany cashmere which sometimes also forms a vest. They have big buttons made up covering wooden molds with the gown stuff upon which a faint design in embroidered in silk, the color of the trimming.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

Captain Hansen, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1283]

VICTORIA LODGE

A REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 8 P.M. precisely.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1284]

To-day's Advertisements.

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.



TO-NIGHT, GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

Mlle. LE BLONDE HARMSTON

as
DIANA THE HUNTRESS
in an intricate Act of Equestrianism with her flock of educated English Pigeons.

ALL THE LADIES IN THE GRAND ROMAN TOURNAMENT!

THE BOUNDING ENGLISH JOCKEY,
by the Champion Rider
Mr. GEORGE HARMSTON.

NEW EDUCATED ANIMALS & HORSES.

NEW FARCES AND LAUGHABLE VAGARIES.

NEW AND NOTABLE ATTRACTION.
A very large and splendid looking Boa Constrictor has just been incorporated in the large collection of wild animals. This enormous Boa Constrictor has been imported from Calcutta from the Menagerie of the ex-Queen of Oude and is now on exhibition every night at the Menagerie.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!!

Boxes with 6 Chairs.....\$9.00
Single Chairs in Boxes.....1.50
Dress Circle Chairs.....1.00
Carpet Seats.....0.50
Gallery.....0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1249]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL-COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS.....{ Mr. P. W. WILLARD,
" JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

THIS EVENING, 15th December, 1888.

The Sensational Drama, in 4 Acts,
"THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN."

Cast of Characters.
Bob Brienly (a Lancashire Lad).....Mr. P. W. WILLARD.
Dalton, alias "The Tiger".....PHIL. RAY.
Hawshaw (a Detective).....A. SUTCH.
Melter Moss.....J. F. SHERIDAN.
Mr. Gibson.....W. CRIPPS.
Malby.....H. M. IMARO.
Green Jones.....CH. FISHER.
Brunton.....W. HASSAN.
Sam Willoughby.....Miss G. WHITEFORD.
Mrs. Willoughby.....E. LEAMINGTON.
Miss St. Evermond (with Song).....MAUDE HARE.
AND.....VERA PATRY.

ACT I.—THE BELLEVUE GARDENS.
ACT II.—MAY EDWARDS' LODGING.
ACT III.—MR. GIBSON'S OFFICE.
ACT IV. Scene 1.—THE BRIDGEWATER ARMS.

In this Scene Miss HARE will sing "Softly Sighs" from "Der Freischutz."
Scene 2.—A STREET.
Scene 3.—CHURCH & EXTERIOR OF MR. GIBSON'S OFFICE.

During the evening Mr. ROBERTSON will play some favourite Selections and Solos on the Piano-forte.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1251]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

Captain R. Köhler, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 17th December, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1281]

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGWO,"

R. H. Machugh, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about MONDAY, the 17th inst.

For Freight, etc., apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1282]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day taken Sole Charge of Mr. A. COXON'S Business.

G. S. COXON.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day commenced Business as SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

E. J. COXON.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1283]

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

HECTOR SAMSON.

Office, No. 4, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1284]

Insurances.

THE NEGLECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE.

THERE is no feature of our civilised life that strikes a more thoughtful man with more force than the neglect of LIFE ASSURANCE. By payment of a small quarterly subscription any man of good health can secure a very large sum to his family in case of premature death, yet hundreds of families brought up in comfort—perhaps in luxury—are left in extreme poverty every year from the bread winner having neglected to assure his life. In the East many a man lives up to his income, knowing well that if death cut him off suddenly, his wife and children would be left almost wholly unprovided for. All this can be prevented by Life Assurance.

EVERY FACILITY
In connection with Life Assurance Business is afforded by

THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
one of the largest and wealthiest of the Provident Institutions of the United Kingdom. Forms of application and all information will be promptly afforded on application to any of the Standard Company's Agents, or to

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LD.,
Agents, Hongkong. [659]

Hongkong, 29th June, 1888.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [150]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000.....\$831,317.35
EQUAL TO.....\$415,000.00
RESERVE FUND.....\$415,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LYE SING, Esq., LO YUUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 6, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [88]

To be Let.

TO LET.

AT the Peak "LA HACIENDA," formerly occupied by Sir George Phillipps.

Apply to H. N. MODY,
Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1266]

TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

OFFICES in "VICTORIA BUILDINGS" from 1st February.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [12]

TO LET.

AT Bonham Road, "RHEDA," a SIX ROOMED BUNGALOW with Tennis Court.

Possession from the 1st January, 1889.

Apply to JOSE M. BASA,
No. 33, Pottinger Street,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1211]

TO LET.

OFFICES and GODOWNS now occupied by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES Co. being No. 8, Praya Central.

Possession from 1st February next.

Apply to LAI KING & Co.,
No. 153, Queen's Road, Central,
or to C. EWENS.
Hongkong, 15th November, 1888. [1162]

TO LET.

AT MAGAZINE GAP, from 1st December next, three well built and handsomely finished HOUSES—Two of Six Rooms each—One of Four Rooms.

Apply to J. J. FRANCIS,
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, 7th November, 1888. [1129]

TO LET, FURNISHED.

AT the Peak, "Dunford," A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE with Tennis Court. Possession from the 15th instant to the 31st March, 1889, or 1890.

Apply to J. Y. V. VIRON.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1118]

Intimations.

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

HOLDERS of allotment papers of Shares in the above Company are requested to bring same into this Office in EXCHANGE for SCRIP.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 14th November, 1888. [1280]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1277]

Intimations.

THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

SITUATED on GARDEN LOT, No. 55, ROBINSON ROAD, KOWLOON, five minutes walk from the landing.

Wines and Spirits of the best quality only kept.

Two First Class English and one American Billiard Tables, also a Tennis Lawn. Arrangements have been made with the proprietor of the steam-launch *Morning Star* to run special night trips, last boat leaving Kowloon at midnight.

Fares to Cents each way.

J. C. L. ROUGH,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1888. [1247]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, RACE MEETING, 1889.

HONGKONG DERBY.

SWEETSTAKES of \$20 each; half forfeit, if declared on or before day of closing. Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies *bona fide* Griffins at date of Entry (SATURDAY, 19th January, 1889). First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent.; Weight 10st. One-mile-and-a-half (Nominations closed) to the CLERK OF THE COURSE at the CLUB on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, 1888.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1888. [1253]

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that on receipt of written applications on or before THURSDAY, the 20th instant, addressed to the Undersigned one share in the Company (about to be incorporated as the PEAK HOTEL and TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED) will be reserved in respect of each share held by Shareholders in the HONGKONG and HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

If no application be made in pursuance of the terms of this notice the shares will be otherwise allotted.

Dated, 13th December, 1888.

A. FINDLAY SMITH.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 11 O'CLOCK FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November, 1888, and of electing Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st inst., both days inclusive.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1888. [1212]

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the General Meeting of the Company held this day, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

"That the Company do purchase for the sum of \$25,000 a selected block of 5000 acres of land in British North Borneo in the vicinity of the Company's present land and for that purpose and to provide for the development of the said land that the Capital of the Company be increased by the issue of 1000 Shares at \$50 per share of which \$25 shall be paid up on allotment, \$15 per share on the 1st March 1889, and the balance at such time as the Board shall determine."

N.B.—On confirmation of the above Resolution the following proposal will be submitted to the Shareholders:—"That the new shares be allotted amongst the Shareholders registered on the books of the Company on the 20th December, 1888, in the proportion of one new to every three old Shares and that as to fractional parts of any such new Shares which may accrue to any allottees, the Directors shall invite public tender for the Shares composed of such fractional parts and sell the same to the highest bidder and any profit which may arise from such sale shall be distributed in due proportion amongst the several allottees of such fractional parts."

By Order of the Directors,

H. SHEPPARD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1225]

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND CALL of TEN DOLLARS per Share is due on the 20th day of December, 1888.

Shareholders will please pay the amount due upon their Shares to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at the Refinery, or Retail orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their monthly requirements in writing direct to the Refinery at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1888. [42]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5 Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of December, 1888, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, the Report of the Directors, and for the election of Auditors and retiring Directors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, E. J. MATTIAND,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. [1275]

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. NOBLE has returned to the Colony and RESUMED PRACTICE.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1888. [1279]

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

BEG to announce to the MEDICAL PROFESSION, and to the European and Chinese community of Hongkong, that the

DISPENSING DEPARTMENT

OF THEIR BUSINESS

IS NOW OPEN.

THIS DEPARTMENT, being considered of the FIRST IMPORTANCE, is entirely under the control of fully qualified and experienced EUROPEAN ASSISTANTS.

The DRUGS used in preparing prescriptions are of the BEST and PUREST QUALITY obtainable.

THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

CHEMICALS, DRUGS, and MEDICINES,

HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND SELECTED BY

DAKIN BROS. OF LONDON, A FIRM

ESTABLISHED, and WHOSE NAME has been

A Guarantee, for nearly Three quarters of a century.

22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1888. [1213]

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

